

to the Jewish people and the UJF as Leo Dozoretz.

Many of Leo's good deeds have been undertaken in the San Fernando Valley, where he resides. For years he has been heavily involved with the Jewish Federation/Valley Alliance Major Gifts Campaign for the UJF, personally raising more than \$500,000 in campaign contributions every year. Leo has also chaired numerous UJF campaigns for the Jewish Federation/Valley Alliance, raising money to support vital social services in Los Angeles, Israel and 60 countries around the world.

In the early 1960's Leo chaired the building fund at Temple Adat Ariel, where he was a member, that resulted in construction of the Temple sanctuary and the first Jewish school in the San Fernando Valley.

Leo also has a distinct way of combining his professional life, his social life and Jewish causes. For example, as a charter member of the El Caballero Country Club he has chaired an annual gold tournament to raise money for the UJF. A longtime employee—now retired—of Willamette Industries, Leo was instrumental in getting the company to expand its matching gifts program. A number of non-profit organizations, including the UJF, benefitted as a result.

Leo and his wife, Elaine, have been active members of two grassroots community support groups—"The Society of Individual Responsibility" and the Brunch Bunch—for more than 30 years.

We ask our colleagues to join us today in saluting Leo Dozoretz, whose dedication, humanity and compassion are examples to us all.

INTRODUCTION OF A TRANSPORTATION BILL

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTIAN-GREEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to allow the Virgin Islands and the other U.S. territories to participate in the Federal Highway Administration's State Infrastructure Bank [SIB] Program and to use surface transportation program funds for construction of certain access and development roads.

Mr. Speaker, the State Infrastructure Bank Program began in early 1996 as a pilot or experimental program with 10 States. It was extended to other States in late 1996. It is a new Federal Highway Administration initiative designed to leverage investment in surface transportation projects and thereby increase the number of these projects. It is expected that under the reauthorization of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, [NEXTEA], the State Infrastructure Bank Program will be made permanent.

Mr. Speaker, the importance of surface transportation to the economy of the U.S. Virgin Islands cannot be overstated. Our tourism-based economy and indeed the quality of life for our residents are dependent on transportation.

Since 1989, the Virgin Islands has been battered by three devastating hurricanes. Those storms have made funding for capital infra-

structure projects almost impossible. It is estimated that the Virgin Islands will need to invest over \$125 million over the next 5 years in order to maintain the current conditions and level of service of our surface transportation system. Inclusion in the SIB program will enhance public-private infrastructure investment opportunities in the Virgin Islands and go a long way in assisting us in addressing our transportation needs. I look forward working with the chairman and ranking member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee in getting this proposal enacted into law.

NATIONAL MILITARY MUSEUM FOUNDATION

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to create a National Military Museum Foundation to provide much-needed support to our Nation's 90 military museums.

These museums, scattered across 34 States, tell the proud history of our armed services. Ever since the Revolution, the Department of War and its successor organizations have preserved historic military artifacts.

But today, many of these invaluable collections are in jeopardy. Museum facilities are deteriorating and there has been inadequate funding to maintain these historic collections.

A 1994 study by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation found that inadequate staffing and funding has been dedicated to these national assets.

The museums in Maryland, including the one at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, need additional financial assistance. I am confident that my colleagues will find similar needs in their own States.

My legislation, introduced in the Senate last week by Senator PAUL SARBANES, would allow private sector support to be funneled throughout the country. The Foundation would be governed by a nine-member board chosen by the Secretary of Defense. In order to get it started, I am proposing a one-time \$1 million appropriation and shared use of DOD personnel and facilities. After that, the Foundation would be self-sufficient and would actually save the Department money.

I urge support for establishment of a National Military Museum Foundation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES "JIM" CHIPPONERI

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a close friend and neighbor, Mr. James "Jim" Chipponeri, who is being recognized as the Agri-Business Man of the Year by the Ceres Chamber of Commerce.

Jim and I have been friends for a number of years. He has always been ready to lend a helping hand or volunteer his time and resources to help our community.

Since his days as a student at Ceres High School, he has been an active participant in

the agricultural community. Jim has worked tirelessly on behalf of the farmers. He has been a great asset to many service organizations, including the Stanislaus County Farm Bureau and Growers Harvesting Committee.

His labor has produced some of the best peaches, grapes, and almonds in the Valley. He is currently in the process of patenting his own almond product called "Chips Special".

In addition to Jim's efforts in the farming community, he has been a member of the Ceres Lions Club for 45 years. It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize Jim's service and dedication to our community.

I would also like to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Jim and his wife, Laura, who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary later this year.

TRIBUTE TO KATHARINE HEPBURN

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 8, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay a respectful tribute to legendary actress and long time resident of the Turtle Bay section of Manhattan, Katharine Hepburn, on the occasion of her 90th birthday and the dedication of the Katharine Hepburn Garden in the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza.

Ms. Hepburn is most famous for film career: She has won three Academy Awards, for "Morning Glory," "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," and "The Lion In Winter," and eight other Oscar nominations. But among her friends and neighbors, Katharine Hepburn is renowned and cherished for her endless passion for flowers and gardening. In fact, her two passions merged in one of her most classic film lines, "the calla lilies are in bloom again," from "Stage Door."

Katharine Hepburn first moved to Turtle Bay in 1932 when the area was still overshadowed by the Second and Third Avenue El's and the United Nations was not yet built. She began enhancing the area by transplanting flowers from her family's Connecticut home to her backyard garden. Her active involvement in the community began when she joined the newly formed Turtle Bay Association in 1957. With the Association, Ms. Hepburn fought vigorously to halt the destruction of trees and prevent the city's plans to widen Turtle Bay streets by cutting back sidewalks.

In 1987, Katharine Hepburn lent her name to the successful campaign to rezone Turtle Bay's midblocks for low-rise construction limitations. Her fund raising support for neighborhood safety and beautification have been central to the Turtle Bay Association's 40-year growth as a volunteer group comprised of tenants, home owners and small business.

The city of New York and Turtle Bay's residents are presenting Katharine Hepburn with a great honor as they dedicate a beautiful and serene garden in the midst of Midtown Manhattan in her name.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to rise with me in this tribute to Katharine Hepburn on her 90th birthday. Not only has she enriched the lives of New Yorkers, but she has touched all of us with her outstanding and heartfelt performances over the years.